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(My dear Reddy,)

Since your departure from Mysore lots of things have happened. You must have been posted up to date with information through your old friends here. All I can say is that it makes one very unhappy over the way things are going in Mysore. I hope all ~~the fools~~ those who contributed to your downfall realize now that in their attempt to obtain ~~ಪಡೆಯಲು~~ Neelan , they threw away ~~sacred~~ the pure water ~~ಪವಿತ್ರ~~ in hand ~~ಕೈಯಲ್ಲಿ~~ , and got ~~neither ಪವಿತ್ರ or ಕೈಯಲ್ಲಿ , but~~ molasses instead. However, Mysore's loss is India's gain. May God bless and protect you.

There is to be a change in the process of Dasara Durbars, as you will see from the press communique issued by Mr. K.Hanumanthiah, the Chief Minister. I understand the idea is to have every one seated on chairs (to be in tune with democratic ideals) to abolish Nazar ~~and Prasadam~~. I must say I have no objection to ~~Government~~ Mr. K.H. and colleagues not doing Nazar ~~or receiving Prasadam~~. But there are thousands of people in Mysore who wish to voluntarily offer Nazar and receive Prasadam. It seems to me most ~~high-handed~~ wrong on part of the Government to interfere in unnecessarily age long and well established traditions. After all they are willing.

The other thing is to confer Shawls and Khillats on poets, painters, artists, for acts of bravery, music, etc., etc. Also that each day there should be performances of (a) music (b) poetry (c) short stories (d) epic reading and (e) lavanies. I can assure you ~~indulging in~~ items (b) to (e) will render ~~reduce~~ the whole ceremonial ~~into a farce~~ ridiculous. I am sure no one in the

Durbar will be much interested in hearing poetry read or listening to the recitation of a short story. It is so impractical that I hope it will not ~~become a laughing stock.~~ be pressed in acceptance. There seems to be a further idea of asking Sir C.V. Raman to address the Durbar on Science. This was suggested by C.N. Nagaraja Rao to make all these arrangements

Recently very funny things have happened entertaining guests. When General Cariappa was here, Government issued an order saying only he would be treated as State Guest and not his friends. It seems invidious to make a distinction like that. especially when I have invited some distinguished personages. What about my position and prestige, and that of the State ? Is nobody to uphold Mysore's honour or prestige ? In some of these matters which are really disgraceful episodes I have ~~met~~ decided to meet expenses from the Privy Purse. Whatever may happen, as long as I am in Mysore, I shall endeavour to uphold the former dignity that the State earned ~~of frequent labour~~

I have finally very regretfully to tell you that I have definitely come to the conclusion that ~~I can never be on~~ it will not be possible to be on the same friendly terms with K.H. as I retained with Every your and kindness is construed as weakness, and I am not prepared to ~~receive his orders communicating through his Private Secretary to my Huzur Secretary or Private Secretary in a very insolent manner. Recently at a meeting in the Palace,~~ he wanted to have his Private Secretary with him to offer help on points, but I have courtesy and consideration for the Head of a State to be so lightly, and insincerely, and disrespectfully treated ~~Private Secretary in the same room.~~ I absolutely refused to countenance such ~~a procedure and he gave way by letting him sit outside with Mr. Seshagiri Rao~~. All this, ~~my dear friend~~, is such bad form, plain bad manners.

As you know I am very sensitive about the way in which I am treated, and I can hardly call this civil. And the arrogance and conceit of your successor in that high office is shocking and breath-taking. I

am not complaining about any thing. In life you have to accept so many things in passing and so I do not grumble. But I must say this - that ~~very soon a situation will arise wherein I shall have no alternative but to say that if certain matters relating to my personal relationship with Government and the Chief Minister are not straightened out, it will be best for me to make room for one better suited to please the whims and caprices of the present Chief Minister and his colleagues.~~

I do hope you will come here during Dasara. You must come.- make an excuse to visit this part and come so that I can have a chance of further personal discussion. When in Mysore I hope you will be my personal guest.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

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